GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3771
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PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it takes minimum of four months to get a passport in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether applications are pending since August 2000 in Mumbai Passport Office;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether even under Tatkal Scheme passport is issued after 3 to 4 months;

(f) if so, the factual position in the regard; and (g) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the passport issuing procedure in Mumbai?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Only those cases are pending since August, 2000 wherein the police verification report has not been received or where applicants have not furnished the requisite information asked for by the Regional Passport Office (RPO), Mumbai.

(c & d) Yes, Sir. 4200 passports are pending due to non receipt of police verification report and non compliance by the applicants for furnishing requisite information.

(e & f) No, Sir. Under the Tatkaal Scheme, passports are issued on payment of anadditional fee of Rs.1500/- for a passport to be issued within ten days of the receipt of application and Rs.1000/- for a passport to be issued between 11 to 35 days of the receipt of application.

(g) Special drives to review and clear pending cases of applications are undertaken from time to time. The RPOMumbai liaises with the police authorities for expediting the police verification reports and sends reminders to the applicants to furnish the requisite information.